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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: THE GOC TOLD PRIME MINISTER TWAGIRAMUNGU THAT CANADA WOULD HELP RESTORE RWANDA'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, TRAIN RWANDA'S POLICE, AND BUILD AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM. THE CANADIANS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF REPATRIATING RWANDAN REFUGEES AND BROADENING PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT. TWAGIRAMUNGU DISCUSSED RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF RWANDAN POLITICS. THE GOC'S [REDACTED] WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT RWANDA'S FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

3. RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU VISITED CANADA FROM OCTOBER 4-7. WHILE IN OTTAWA, TWAGIRAMUNGU MET WITH PRIME MINISTER JEAN CHRETIE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANDRE OUELLET, AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS. IN MONTREAL, WHERE HE WAS ONCE A STUDENT, TWAGIRAMUNGU MET WITH NGOS AND THE RWANDAN COMMUNITY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], DISCUSSED THE VISIT AND ITS AFTERMATH WITH
POLOFF DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17-21.

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CANADIAN ASSISTANCE PROMISED

5. OUELLET TOLD TWAGIRAMUNGU THAT "YOU CAN COUNT ON US (I.E. CANADA) TO HELP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY." IN AUGUST, BERNARD DUSSAULT (THE GOC'S SPECIAL ENVOY TO CENTRAL AFRICA) RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOC CONCENTRATE ITS RESOURCES ON RESTORING ELECTRICAL, WATER, AND TELEPHONE SERVICE IN RWANDA. AFTER CONVERSATIONS WITH TWAGIRAMUNGU AND A MORE REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF THE AID FUNDS AVAILABLE, THE GOC DECIDED TO FOCUS ITS ASSISTANCE SOLELY ON REPAIRING THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.

6. PM CHRETIE AND OUELLET PROMISED TWAGIRAMUNGU THAT

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CANADA WOULD HELP TRAIN THE RWANDAN POLICE.

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7. THE MONTREAL-BASED CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT (AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY FUNDED BY THE GOC) PLANS TO ASSIST RWANDA IN BUILDING AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY. TWAGIRAMUNGU KNOWS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRE (FORMER LEADER OF THE NDP, ED BROADBENT) FROM BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR.

8. PEACEKEEPING OFFICIALS IN DFA SAID THAT CANADA HAS BETWEEN 400-450 PEACEKEEPERS (INCLUDING THE UNAMIR COMMANDER) IN RWANDA. THE DEFENSE MINISTER RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE RETURN TO CANADA OF A FIELD AMBULANCE UNIT AND THE END OF HERCULES FLIGHTS FROM NAIROBI TO KIGALI.

REGIONAL REFUGEE CONFERENCE

9. ALL OF TWAGIRAMUNGU'S INTERLOCUTORS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF REPATRIATING RWANDAN REFUGEES. THE GOC TOLD TWAGIRAMUNGU AND (SEPARATELY) THE TANZANIANS THAT IT WAS INTERESTED IN AND WILLING TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES IN CENTRAL AFRICA. BOTH SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE DUSSAULT AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA CHRISTINE STEWART WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING. TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE

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TANZANIANS WOULD ALLOW ZAIRIAN PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO
CO-CHAIR THE MEETING IN HIS ROLE AS "AN ELDER STATESMAN."

POLITICS IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT

10. THE GOC URGED TWAGIRAMUNGU TO FOLLOW A POLICY OF
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND TO BROADEN THE BASIS OF THE
GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI. HE REPLIED THAT THE RPF HAD
APPROACHED "THREE OR FOUR PROMINENT HUTUS FROM THE OLD
REGIME THAT WERE NOT INVOLVED WITH THE MASSACRES" TO
SERVE AS MINISTERS IN KIGALI. ALL OF THEM, INCLUDING THE
RWANDAN AMBASSADOR IN CANADA (MAXIMIN SEGASAYO), REFUSED
THE OFFER. NOTE: TWAGIRAMUNGU WAS ACCOMPANIED BY
SEGASAYO (WHO HAS SERVED IN CANADA SINCE JANUARY 1991)
THROUGHOUT HIS VISIT. THE RWANDAN EMBASSY IN OTTAWA HAS
NOT RECEIVED FUNDING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. END NOTE.

11. [REDACTED], TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID THAT
"SIXTY TO SEVENTY" RPF MEMBERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR
EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS. TWAGIRAMUNGU STRESSED THAT IT IS
"NOT GOVERNMENT POLICY" TO ENCOURAGE REVENGE. HE TOLD

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THE CANADIANS THAT THERE WERE CURRENTLY 250 EX-FAR
MEMBERS IN THE NEW ARMED FORCES. TWAGIRAMUNGU NOTED,
HOWEVER, THAT THE PERCENTAGES OF EX-FAR AND RPF MEMBERS
IN AN INTEGRATED FORCE WOULD BE MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE
NUMBERS FORESEEN BY THE ARUSHA ACCORDS.

RELATIONS WITH RWANDA'S NEIGHBORS

12. TWAGIRAMUNGU COMPLAINED THAT ZAIRE HAD NOT BEEN
WILLING TO RETURN LOOTED EQUIPMENT, AUTOMOBILES, AND CASH
TAKEN FROM KIGALI BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOTED THE TROUBLED
ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND CAUTIONED TWAGIRAMUNGU
THAT HE WAS UNLIKELY TO RECOVER MOST OF THE PROPERTY.

13. IN A MEETING WITH AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION IN
OTTAWA, THE UGANDAN AMBASSADOR URGED TWAGIRAMUNGU TO
FORGIVE HIS OPPONENTS AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY OF
RECONCILIATION. THE BURUNDI AMBASSADOR WARNED THAT,
BECAUSE OF RESOURCE SHORTAGES, RWANDAN REFUGEES WERE NOT
WELCOME IN HIS COUNTRY.

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PESSIMISM ON RWANDA'S FUTURE

14. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT RWANDA'S PROSPECTS
FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT. ECHOING MANY OF THE CONCERNS
RAISED BY FORMER UNAMIR COMMANDER DALLAIRE (SEE REFTEL A
- NOTAL - FOR DALLAIRE'S COMMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT),
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[REDACTED] BELIEVED THAT LAWLESSNESS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS
IN ZAIRE COULD SPILL-OVER INTO RWANDA. HE NOTED THAT THE
HEAD OF "CARE CANADA" IN GOMA RECENTLY LEFT ZAIRE AFTER
RECEIVING DEATH THREATS FROM HUTU MILITIAS.

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15. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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